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<u>S PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE</u>

IN RE APPLICATION OF

DEATON ET AL.

SERIAL NO. 08/935,116

FILED: SEPTEMBER 22, 1997

FOR: CHECK TRANSACTION PROCESSING

METHOD AND SYSTEM PROVIDING

SHOPPING AIDS

: GROUP ART UNIT: 2162

: EXAMINER: GRAVINI, S.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the official action dated June 07, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 8-39 as follows:

8. (Twice amended) A system for accumulating customer transaction data at the point-of-sale in a retail establishment and for effectuating customer promotion on the basis thereof, comprising:

a terminal for entering unique customer identification codes from customer identification presented at the point-of-sale in a retail transaction;

means for allowing entry of customer transaction data;